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SENATE RESOLUTION

CP04-36

IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED WEAVER'S COVE OFFSHORE BERTH FOR LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Sosnowski, Paiva Weed, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Senate Task force on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) was
2 established on January 15, 2010, to address the serious questions that require research about the
3 proposed Weaver's Cove Energy Offshore Berth in Mount Hope Bay and the potential impact on
4 the state's safety, economy, and environment; and

5 WHEREAS, A summary report was issued by the Rhode Island Senate Task Force on
6 LNG that recommended actions, described the hearing process, detailed the individuals and
7 organizations that provided verbal testimony, listed the individuals that sent written or electronic
8 correspondence to the Task Force, and listed the volumes of documents and letters the Task Force
9 received regarding the proposed project in Mount Hope Bay; and

10 WHEREAS, An overwhelming amount of the information received by the Senate Task
11 Force on LNG was in opposition to the project; and

12 WHEREAS, Concerns about the project included environmental degradation, public
13 safety, conflicting uses of Narragansett Bay and Mount Hope Bay waterways, and legal and
14 regulatory authority regarding the proposed project; and

15 WHEREAS, There are no fewer than seventeen of the state's thirty-nine municipalities
16 located on Narragansett Bay, making the transit of LNG tankers quite literally in the backyard of
17 the entire state; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, In the unfortunate event that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
19 approves the project, the Rhode Island Senate Task Force strongly recommends and respectfully

1 requests that any approval provide a specific condition for Weaver's Cove Energy to document
2 that it has received concurrence from the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council
3 that the project is consistent with the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program
4 (CRMP) as authorized by the federal Coastal Zone Management Act; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force strongly believes that this program should be
6 respected during any possible federal permitting process given the economic and environmental
7 value these resources offer Rhode Island. If this project is not subject to the CRMP then it sets a
8 dangerous precedent for all other federal projects that might locate in Rhode Island's waters; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Rhode Island Senate Task Force on Liquefied Natural Gas
11 respectfully requests the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to deny the necessary approvals
12 for the Weaver's Cove Energy Offshore Berth in Mount Hope Bay as presented in Docket
13 number CP04-36. This request is based on a comprehensive public hearing process undertaken by
14 the Task Force in February, March, and April of 2010; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Charles Schneider, Executive Director of the
17 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C.

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Secretary of State

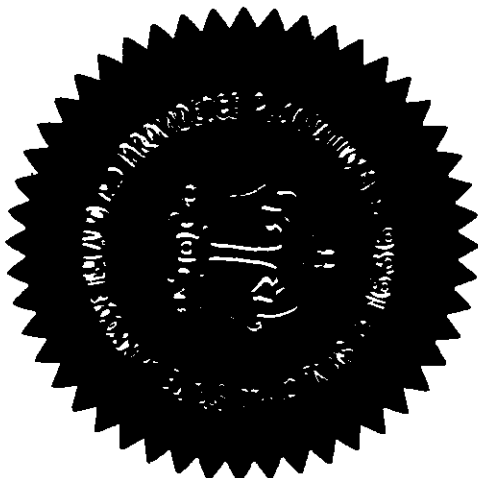
I, A. Ralph Mollis, *Secretary of State* of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby **Certify** that the foregoing is a true xerographic copy of:

Senate Resolution 11R184 (11-S0456) entitled "Senate Resolution In Opposition to the Proposed Weaver's Cove Offshore Berth for Liquefied Natural Gas"

taken from the records in this office and compared with the original *Senate Resolution 11R184 (11-S0456) passed in the Senate at the January session, A.D. 2011 on the sixth day of April, A.D. 2011* and now remaining in this office.

Proposed by: Senators Felag, Sosnowski, Paiva Weed and DiPalma

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations this, thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2011





Secretary of State

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